COUNTY PROFILE

Otter Tail Co.

Otter Tail Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Otter Tail Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 23rd fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 17th largest in the state. Otter Tail Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	60,081 people	Me
Population change,	2,778 people	
2010-2020	4.8% increase	

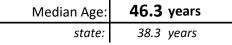
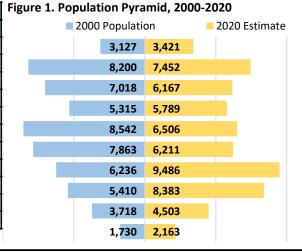


Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 3,421 5.7% 7,452 12.4% 5-14 years 6,167 10.3% 15-24 years 25-34 years 5.789 9.6% 35-44 years 6,506 10.8% 45-54 years 6,211 10.3% 55-64 years 9,486 15.8% 65-74 years 8,383 14.0% 75-84 years 4,503 7.5% 85 years & over 2,163 3.6% **Total Population** 60,081 100.0% Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Under 5 years
5-14 years
15-24 years
25-34 years
35-44 years
45-54 years
55-64 years
65-74 years
75-84 years

Otter Tail Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Otter Tail Co. welcomed net international in-migration gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

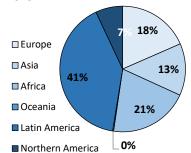
Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019							
	Total	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
	Population	Natural	Natural Vital Events Net Migration				on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Otter Tail Co.	1,445	-247	6,002	6,249	1,755	432	1,323
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Otter Tail Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Otter Tail Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Otter Tail Co.		Change 20	010-2019	Minnesota		
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	1,518	2.6%	-9	-0.6%	8.5%	28.9%	
Europe	280	18.4%	-73	-20.7%	9.9%	4.5%	
Asia	203	13.4%	-51	-20.1%	37.5%	30.3%	
Africa	311	20.5%	130	71.8%	25.5%	72.0%	
Oceania	4	0.3%	0	0.0%	0.5%	37.2%	
Americas:	720	47.4%	-15	-2.0%	26.6%	10.0%	
Latin America	614	40.4%	-49	-7.4%	24.1%	12.2%	
Northern America	106	7.0%	34	47.2%	2.5%	-7.7%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019

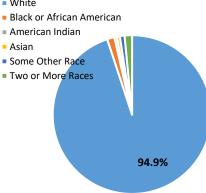


Otter Tail Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019



- Two or More Races



	Otter Tail Co.			Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	
Total	58,195	100.0%	1.8%	100.0%	13.1%	
White	55,244	94.9%	-0.5%	82.8%	4.7%	
Black or African American	870	1.5%	433.7%	6.4%	107.6%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	289	0.5%	-0.7%	1.0%	5.5%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	350	0.6%	25.9%	4.9%	87.8%	
Some Other Race	566	1.0%	18.2%	1.9%	58.1%	
Two or More Races	876	1.5%	97.7%	3.0%	99.9%	
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,017	3.5%	110.8%	5.4%	108.9%	

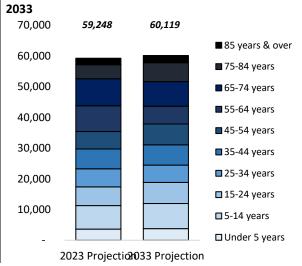
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Otter Tail Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033							
	2023	2033	Numeric	Percent			
Otter Tail Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	3,648	3,781	133	3.6%			
5-14 years	7,627	8,192	565	7.4%			
15-24 years	6,096	6,845	749	12.3%			
25-34 years	5,873	5,625	-248	-4.2%			
35-44 years	6,464	6,638	174	2.7%			
45-54 years	5,678	6,744	1,066	18.8%			
55-64 years	8,369	5,798	-2,571	-30.7%			
65-74 years	8,833	8,033	-800	-9.1%			
75-84 years	4,575	6,120	1,545	33.8%			
85 years & over	2,085	2,343	258	12.4%			
Total Population	59,248	60,119	871	1.5%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

61.2%

67.1%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Otter Tail Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Otter Tail Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.0%

state:

7% 9% 17% 30% 15% 23%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

☐ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree ■ Advanced degree

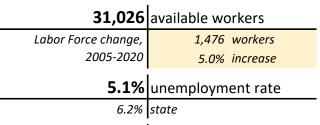
Associate's Degree: 14.6% Bachelor's Degree: 16.6% Advanced Degree: 6.9%

College-educated:

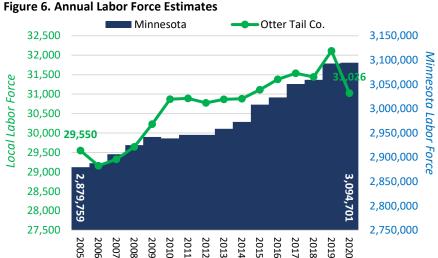
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 5.1%, Otter Tail Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Otter Tail Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 4.2% in 2019, but was lower than the 7.2% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Otter Tail Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.



1,582 unemployed workers



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 480.4 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Otter Tail Co. averaged an annual gain of 148.8 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 15.7 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Otter Tail Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

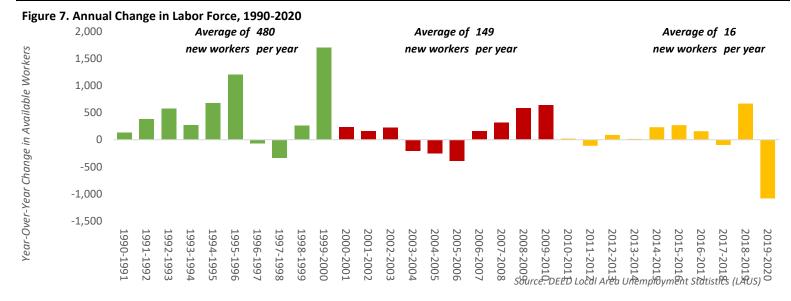
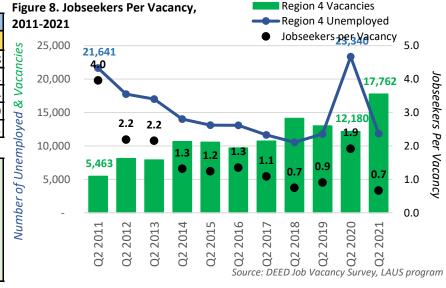


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection		
Projections, 2023-2033	2023 2033		
16 to 24 years	3,909	4,388	
25 to 54 years	15,966	16,831	
55 to 64 years	6,010	4,164	
65 years & over	2,774	2,669	
Total Labor Force	28,658	28,051	

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Northwest reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



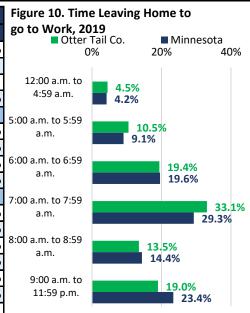
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Otter Tail Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Otter Tail Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

	Ot	ter Tail Co.		Minnesota		Otter Tail Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	29,469	62.7%	3.1%	69.7%	3.6%	15,810	13,681
16 to 19 years	1,611	61.4%	8.1%	53.2%	11.0%	875	736
20 to 24 years	2,409	83.4%	3.2%	84.6%	6.0%	1,230	1,178
25 to 44 years	10,183	89.2%	3.0%	88.8%	3.2%	5,458	4,727
45 to 54 years	6,036	87.3%	2.5%	87.6%	2.7%	3,215	2,818
55 to 64 years	6,882	71.8%	2.2%	73.0%	2.8%	3,660	3,221
65 to 74 years	1,999	26.8%	4.9%	27.9%	2.2%	1,122	<i>875</i>
75 years & over	373	6.1%	3.2%	6.6%	2.4%	250	126
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	28,235	62.7%	2.9%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019	•
Black or African American	395	64.0%	19.2%	71.3%	8.8%		411
American Indian & Alaska Native	82	32.8%	0.0%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	195	80.6%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		\ \\
Some Other Race	370	80.8%	3.5%	77.7%	6.1%		\'
Two or More Races	217	54.1%	4.6%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,049	80.6%	5.2%	76.5%	6.1%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty						
With Any Disability	1,639	51.7%	3.9%	53.0%	8.6%		95.8%
Employment Characteristics by Educati	onal Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	23,108	82.8%	2.6%	84.5%	3.0%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,187	63.7%	4.2%	66.3%	4.2%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	5,728	78.5%	2.6%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,944	84.9%	1.8%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	6,240	88.7%	1.7%	90.0%	1.7%	Some Ot	her Race

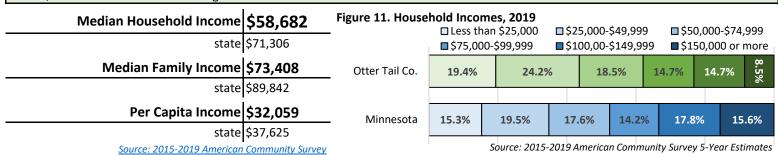
A larger percentage of workers in Otter Tail Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Otter Tail Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Otter Tai	I Co.	Minne	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	26,463	94.2%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	21,406	76.2%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	5,057	18.0%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	1,629	5.8%	69,779	2.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	24,215	86.2%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	337	1.2%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,573	5.6%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	1,938	6.9%	171,541	5.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	7,529	26.8%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	8,877	31.6%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	4,663	16.6%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,708	13.2%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	1,433	5.1%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	1,854	6.6%	162,819	5.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.6	minutes	23.7	minutes



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Otter Tail Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Otter Tail Co. had the 42nd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Otter Tail Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.79 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.13 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020 **Monthly Costs** Single Yearly **Hourly Wage** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-**Cost of Living** Required **Child Care** Food Housing Other **Taxes** Care portation Otter Tail Co. \$28,686 \$13.79 \$0 \$350 \$163 \$551 \$757 \$247 \$322 State of Minnesota \$32,964 \$15.85 \$0 \$355 \$153 \$832 \$704 \$325 \$378 Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 **Monthly Costs** Family Yearly **Hourly Wage** working full-time, 1 part-Health Trans-**Child Care** Housing **Cost of Living** Required **Food** Other **Taxes** time), 1 child Care portation Otter Tail Co. \$15.13 \$236 \$798 \$47,196 \$519 \$733 \$885 \$419 \$343 State of Minnesota \$58,800 \$18.85 \$546 \$810 \$549 \$819 \$515 \$592 \$1,069

<u>ource: DEED Cost of Living tool</u>

Otter Tail Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 24th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Otter Tail Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Otter Tail Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	19,324	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,110	5.7%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,889	15.0%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,240	16.8%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,939	15.2%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,080	21.1%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,562	18.4%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	1,504	7.8%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$189,1	.00	\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019 0% 10% 20% 30% Otter Tail Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 17.2% 2000 to 2009 14.1% 1980 to 1999 26.3% 22.5% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 13.7% 1940 to 1959 14.3% 16.5% 1939 or earlier 16.2%

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage \$1,294

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

mortgage

7.4%

9.3%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

33.3%

9.6%

14.6%

state 21.8%

Median monthly rent costs \$678

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

42.9%

state 45.1%

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Less than 20% = 20% to 24.9% = 25.0% to 29.9% = 30.0% to 34.9% = 35% or more

10.9%

rent

30.2%

14.7%

50.1%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.61 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$43.45) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.39) (see Table 11).

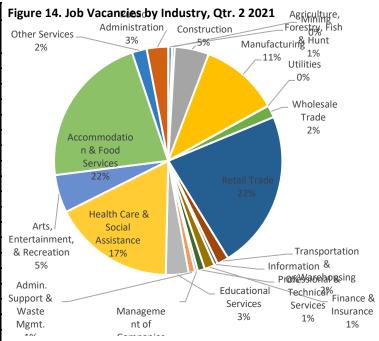
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021							
		Regio	n 4		Stat	te of Minnes	sota
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$19.61	78,570	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%
Management	\$43.45	3,510	4.5%	0.7	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$28.37	2,680	3.4%	0.5	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$33.50	1,030	1.3%	0.4	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$31.73	1,450	1.8%	0.9	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.39	530	0.7%	0.7	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$22.66	2,360	3.0%	1.5	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$34.57	330	0.4%	0.6	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.13	6,060	7.7%	1.3	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$16.30	1,240	1.6%	1.2	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$29.68	4,800	6.1%	0.9	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$14.88	4,850	6.2%	1.1	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$24.92	1,200	1.5%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.39	5,920	7.5%	1.0	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.70	2,250	2.9%	1.0	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$13.33	1,390	1.8%	0.9	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$14.94	8,500	10.8%	1.2	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.14	9,270	11.8%	0.9	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$17.37	280	0.4%	2.3	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$22.76	4,400	5.6%	1.5	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.88	3,570	4.5%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$19.58	6,930	8.8%	1.2	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.26	6,040	7.7%	1.0	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Otter Tail Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 17762 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	17,762	\$15.13				
Management	189	\$31.17				
Business & Financial Operations	286	\$29.99				
Computer & Mathematical	149	\$28.03				
Architecture & Engineering	83	\$20.27				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	39	\$21.59				
Community & Social Service	329	\$18.75				
Education, Training & Library	295	\$23.97				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,403	\$23.26				
Healthcare Support	1,885	\$13.87				
Protective Service	115	\$18.41				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	3,646	\$12.97				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	806	\$17.47				
Personal Care & Service	221	\$13.21				
Sales & Related	2,388	•				
Office & Administrative Support	801	\$15.07				
Construction & Extraction	555	\$20.71				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	1,106	\$15.99				
Production	1,283					
Transportation & Material Moving	1,855	\$14.97				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Occupations in Demand, 2020					
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher		
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education		
\$29,059	\$33,192	\$70,869	\$55,653		
Home Health and Personal	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Veterinary Technologists and	Secondary School Teachers, Except		
Care Aides \$27,537	Nurses \$44,853	Technicians \$35,815	Special and Career/Technical \$57,557		
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Surgical Technologists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term		
\$33,677	\$43,383	\$50,177	\$36,299		
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	Computer User Support Specialists	Computer Network Support Specialists	Accountants and Auditors		
\$31,147	\$48,506	\$60,416	\$59,318		
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Dental Assistants	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and	Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary		
\$45,816	\$44,363	\$50,325	\$101,280 General Internal Medicine		
Pharmacy Technicians	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	Physicians		
\$35,018	\$62,623	\$38,083	NA		
Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan \$32,542	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$35,744	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$63,159	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$53,033		
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$30,581	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines \$59,788	Forest and Conservation Technicians \$49,367	Nurse Practitioners \$117,222		
	Health Information Technologists, Medical	Web Developers and Digital	Career/Technical Education		
and Fabricators \$38,150	Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$56,465	Interface Designers \$65,205	Teachers, Secondary School \$57,777		
Operating Engineers and Other Construction	Electricians	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Rehabilitation Counselors		
\$50,500	\$57,871	\$46,625	\$34,434		

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Otter Tail Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 4.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028						
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028			
Total, All Industries	263,134	271,445	3.2%			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,833	6,003	2.9%			
Utilities	1,185	1,155	-2.5%			
Construction	10,281	11,330	10.2%			
Manufacturing	29,207	29,064	-0.5%			
Wholesale Trade	12,153	12,545	3.2%			
Retail Trade	28,148	28,190	0.1%			
Transportation & Warehousing	6,934	7,284	5.0%			
Information	2,506	2,128	-15.1%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,476	7,789	4.2%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,618	6,143	9.3%			
Administrative & Waste Services	4,369	4,978	13.9%			
Educational Services	23,141	23,679	2.3%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	38,050	42,165	10.8%			
Leisure & Hospitality	25,231	25,664	1.7%			
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	10,196	10,174	-0.2%			
Public Administration	23,300	23,980	2.9%			

<u>iource: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook</u>

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2018-2028

Employment Projections, 2018-2028						
From employment growth From exit openings						
-5,0	000	5,000 15,000				
Management	286	10,297				
Business & Financial	636	2 ,510				
Computer & Mathematical	282	588				
Architecture & Engineering	246	902				
Life, Physical, & Social	110	388				
Community & Social Service	517	2.998				
Legal	51	365				
Education, Training, & Library	595	6,865				
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-69	1 ,365				
Healthcare Practitioners &	1,468					
Healthcare Support	539	4,154				
Protective Service	134	2,000				
Food Preparation & Serving	894	15,239				
Building, Grounds Cleaning	403	5,998				
Personal Care & Service	1,240	10,537				
Sales & Related	18	8 13,932				
Office & Administrative		16,166				
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	47	1 ,468				
Construction & Extraction	931	4,093				
Installation, Maintenance,	377	3,188				
Production	-339	8,253				
Transportation & Material	715	7,667				

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Otter Tail Co. had the 18th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Otter Tail Co. was the 40th fastest growing in the past year and the 36th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Otter Tail Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

1,833 business establishments \$44,106 annual average wage **\$954,840,761** total industry payroll **21,649** jobs Job change, -648 jobs 2015-2020 -2.9% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

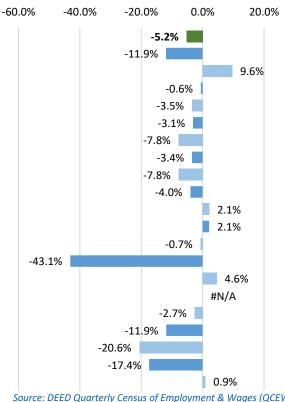


2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Otter Tail Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	21,649	100.0%	\$44,106
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	386	1.8%	\$39,046
Mining	19	0.1%	\$41,508
Construction	1,239	5.7%	\$51,672
Manufacturing	3,914	18.1%	\$52,381
Utilities	463	2.1%	\$95,162
Wholesale Trade	599	2.8%	\$49,233
Retail Trade	2,531	11.7%	\$29,811
Transportation & Warehousing	517	2.4%	\$38,330
Information	363	1.7%	\$63,196
Finance & Insurance	527	2.4%	\$62,574
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	96	0.4%	\$29,714
Professional & Technical Services	435	2.0%	\$51,963
Management of Companies	91	0.4%	\$149,696
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	685	3.2%	\$40,167
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,473	20.7%	\$43,320
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	223	1.0%	\$14,648
Accommodation & Food Services	1,535	7.1%	\$16,246
Other Services	636	636 2.9%	
Public Administration	1,335	6.2%	\$53,916

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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